

U.S. Coast Guard Aviation History

Curtiss BT-Flying Boat

Information:

Curtiss built at least one experimental type "BT" twin-propeller driven, tri-plane flying boat. He based his design on the suggestions developed by Second Lieutenant Norman B. Hall and Third Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone when Curtiss visited the officers on board their cutter *Onondaga*. Curtiss built the flying boat but with the onset of U.S. participation in World War One the project was shelved.

Photographs:

None available.

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